

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a special meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on April 9, 2009.

Mayor David W. Cline presided and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Joe McKenzie, YEA Commissioner David Schilling, YEA Mayor David Cline.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Alan Gilmore, Attorney & Treasurer J. Preston Owen, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien. Commissioners-Elect Tim Gover and D. Chris Rankin were physically present.

Mayor Cline seconded by Commissioner Schilling moved to recess to closed session at 9:01 a.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering the employment, performance or dismissal of employees of the municipality (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(1)).

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Council reconvened at 3:16 p.m.

Mr. Herb Meeker of the Journal Gazette inquired about budget issues with Mayor Cline responding with placement of the budget on file, adjusting at a later date. Attorney & Treasurer Owen stated the final budget was to be approved on April 21, 2009 and elaborated upon during the public hearing.

Mayor Cline seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to approve Council Decision Request 2009-955, authorizing the Mayor and the Police Chief's designee to apply for grant funding under the Federal COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) for full three-year funding of salaries and benefits of three replacement police officers.

Mayor Cline called for questions or comments. Attorney & Treasurer Owen reviewed the grant, noting no budget shortfalls.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Administrator Gilmore discussed exclusive solid waste contracting. Council and attendees discussed the potential of solid waste contracting.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner McKenzie moved to adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien  
City Clerk